

## Student victimization at school

*Violence in schools makes teaching difficult and inhibits student learning. In addition, unsafe school environments expose students who may already be at risk for school failure to other failure-related factors such as physical and emotional harm. In recent years, educators, parents, and policymakers have voiced growing concern about possible increases in the incidence of school-related criminal behavior. Studying trends in victimization rates provides a picture of the safety of today's schools.*

- Victimization rates at school for high school seniors changed little between 1976 and 1997. The most common type of victimization at school in the previous 12 months reported by high school seniors in 1997 was having something stolen (39 percent).
- In 1997, there were no differences in reported victimization rates at school in the previous 12 months for white and black high school seniors (see supplemental table 26-1).
- In 1997, high school seniors from metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas were about equally likely to report being victimized at school in the previous 12 months (see supplemental table 26-2).
- High school seniors in 1997 were more likely to report being threatened at school without a weapon than being threatened with a weapon during the previous 12 months (21 versus 11 percent). Similarly, high school seniors in 1997 were more likely to report being injured at school without a weapon than being injured with a weapon during the previous 12 months (12 versus 5 percent).

### Percentage of high school seniors who reported being victimized at school during the previous 12 months, by type of victimization: 1976–97

Year	Had something stolen	Property deliberately damaged	Injured with a weapon	Threatened with a weapon	Injured without a weapon	Threatened without a weapon
1976	38.1	25.8	5.7	12.5	13.6	21.3
1977	39.7	24.9	4.8	12.2	11.1	20.7
1978	37.8	25.3	4.6	11.6	12.2	20.0
1979	33.6	24.2	4.8	11.9	12.2	20.2
1980	34.1	25.1	4.5	10.9	11.1	19.3
1981	39.8	30.6	6.6	14.8	14.6	23.7
1982	38.2	25.7	4.6	11.9	12.1	21.1
1983	39.0	25.5	4.9	13.0	14.0	24.3
1984	38.0	24.2	4.0	11.9	12.5	22.9
1985	39.1	26.9	5.9	13.5	14.2	24.6
1986	40.2	25.9	5.4	13.2	13.8	24.8
1987	42.0	26.6	4.9	12.4	15.5	24.8
1988	42.2	27.5	4.7	12.5	13.5	23.7
1989	40.1	26.6	5.6	13.6	14.0	24.0
1990	41.6	29.4	5.8	13.2	13.6	25.1
1991	41.7	28.3	6.5	16.3	15.3	25.8
1992	37.1	26.4	5.1	14.0	12.8	24.6
1993	41.4	25.8	4.7	15.6	11.4	23.1
1994	39.7	27.2	4.7	15.0	11.7	23.7
1995	40.3	27.3	4.9	13.3	11.6	23.5
1996	38.3	25.9	4.9	13.2	11.8	21.6
1997	38.9	24.7	5.2	10.8	12.2	21.2

NOTE: Estimates were tabulated using restricted-use files. Response rates for this survey do not meet NCES standards.

SOURCE: University of Michigan, Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research, Monitoring the Future Study.

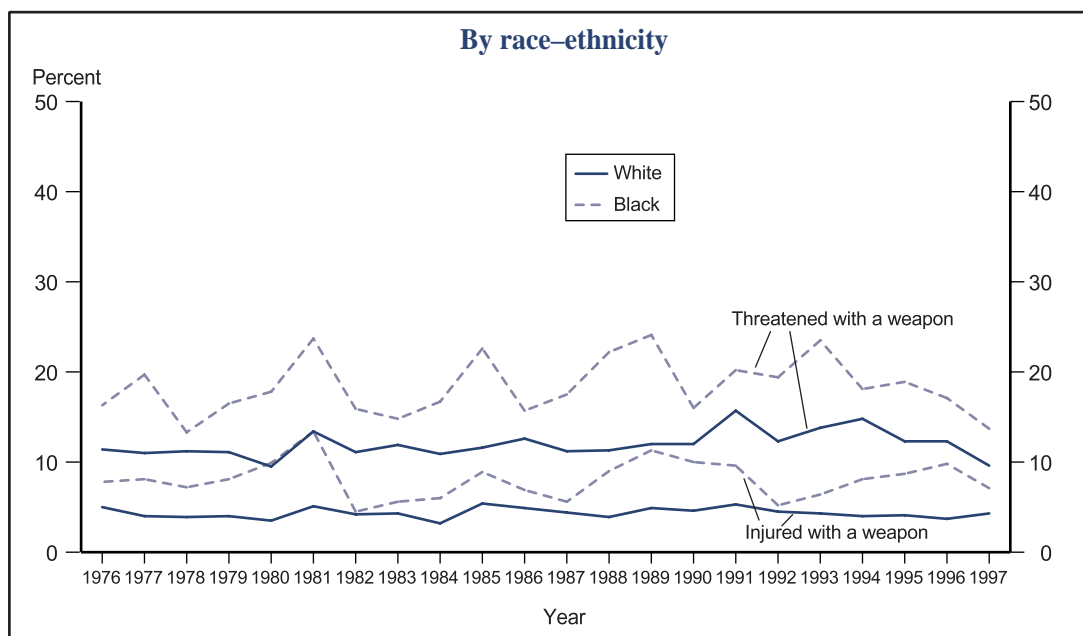
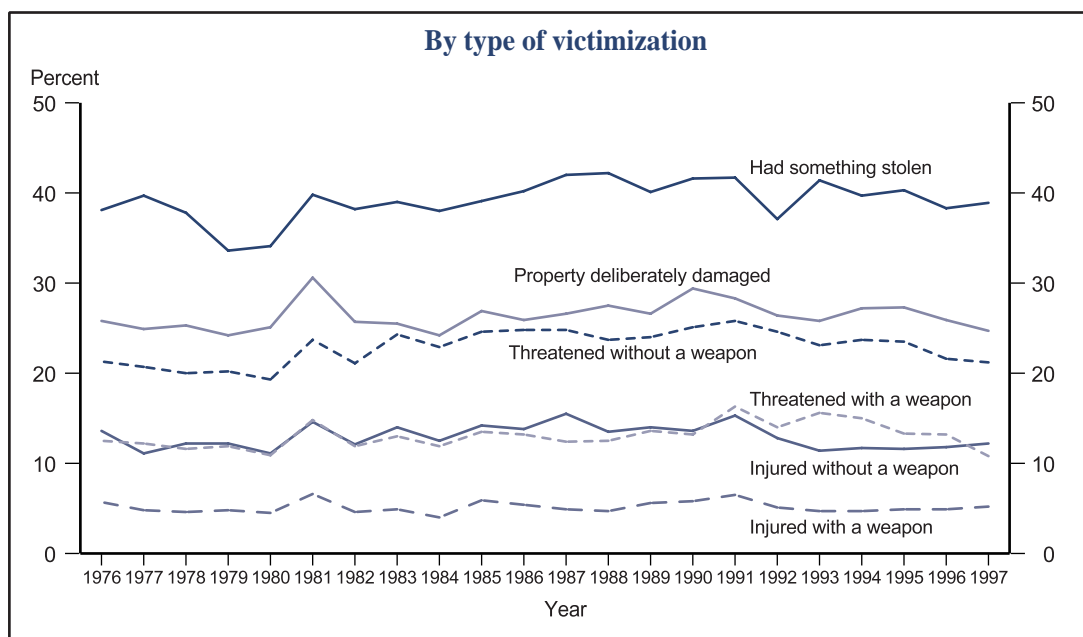
**Table S26**      **Standard errors for the text table in *Indicator 26***

Year	Had something stolen	Property deliberately damaged	Injured with a weapon	Threatened with a weapon	Injured without a weapon	Threatened without a weapon
1976	1.1	1.1	0.5	0.8	0.9	0.9
1977	1.1	1.1	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.9
1978	1.0	0.9	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.9
1979	1.0	0.9	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.9
1980	1.0	0.9	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.9
1981	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.9
1982	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.9
1983	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.9
1984	1.0	0.9	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.9
1985	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.9
1986	1.2	1.1	0.5	0.9	0.9	0.9
1987	1.1	1.0	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.9
1988	1.1	1.0	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.9
1989	1.1	1.0	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.9
1990	1.3	1.2	0.5	0.9	0.9	1.1
1991	1.3	1.2	0.6	0.9	0.9	1.1
1992	1.3	1.3	0.6	1.0	1.0	1.1
1993	1.3	1.2	0.6	0.9	0.8	1.0
1994	1.3	1.2	0.6	1.0	0.9	1.2
1995	1.3	1.2	0.6	0.9	0.9	1.2
1996	1.4	1.2	0.6	0.9	0.9	1.2
1997	1.3	1.2	0.6	0.8	0.9	1.1

NOTE: The methodology for computing standard errors for 1994–97 differs from that of previous years.

SOURCE: University of Michigan, Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research, Monitoring the Future Study.

## Percentage of high school seniors who reported being victimized at school during the previous 12 months: 1976-97



NOTE: Estimates were tabulated using restricted-use files. Response rates for this survey do not meet NCES standards.

SOURCE: University of Michigan, Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research, Monitoring the Future Study.

**Table 26-1 Percentage of high school seniors who reported being victimized at school during the previous 12 months, by type of victimization and race-ethnicity: 1976-97**

Year	Had something stolen		Property deliberately damaged		Injured with a weapon		Threatened with a weapon		Injured without a weapon		Threatened without a weapon	
	White	Black	White	Black	White	Black	White	Black	White	Black	White	Black
1976	38.9	35.9	25.1	30.1	5.0	7.8	11.4	16.3	13.2	14.3	21.2	24.2
1977	40.4	32.8	24.3	21.0	4.0	8.1	11.0	19.7	10.6	11.4	20.2	24.2
1978	38.8	32.4	25.7	21.2	3.9	7.2	11.2	13.3	11.5	14.4	20.4	17.5
1979	34.6	27.2	24.5	20.8	4.0	8.1	11.1	16.5	11.7	9.8	20.3	17.9
1980	34.3	33.1	25.3	21.9	3.5	9.9	9.5	17.8	10.3	14.9	19.0	20.0
1981	40.1	39.2	30.4	29.8	5.1	13.4	13.4	23.7	13.8	19.1	23.6	25.0
1982	37.9	42.0	25.6	25.4	4.2	4.5	11.1	15.9	11.8	11.7	21.3	19.5
1983	39.4	39.2	25.0	23.1	4.3	5.6	11.9	14.8	13.4	13.2	23.9	24.5
1984	38.4	35.3	24.3	21.8	3.2	6.0	10.9	16.7	12.1	13.3	23.0	24.4
1985	39.3	35.2	26.6	28.0	5.4	8.9	11.6	22.6	13.6	18.2	24.5	25.2
1986	41.1	36.3	25.7	24.5	4.9	6.9	12.6	15.7	14.5	12.8	25.7	22.7
1987	42.1	39.4	27.0	25.0	4.4	5.6	11.2	17.5	15.4	15.4	25.4	20.2
1988	41.4	46.6	27.4	25.8	3.9	9.0	11.3	22.2	13.5	16.6	24.3	27.7
1989	39.4	46.4	26.0	28.9	4.9	11.3	12.0	24.1	13.7	17.8	24.5	21.0
1990	41.6	42.2	28.9	26.1	4.6	10.0	12.0	16.0	13.6	10.0	26.1	21.7
1991	41.4	44.3	28.4	24.6	5.3	9.6	15.7	20.2	15.4	17.1	26.5	27.5
1992	36.2	44.2	25.7	26.3	4.5	5.2	12.3	19.4	12.7	13.8	25.5	20.5
1993	41.6	46.0	25.8	26.3	4.3	6.4	13.8	23.5	11.0	11.5	23.8	22.3
1994	39.5	46.5	28.3	21.5	4.0	8.1	14.8	18.1	11.5	11.5	24.7	22.1
1995	40.0	42.3	28.0	27.3	4.1	8.7	12.3	18.9	11.6	9.2	25.1	22.9
1996	37.6	43.2	25.2	26.0	3.7	9.8	12.3	17.1	11.2	15.7	21.9	21.9
1997	37.6	42.8	25.5	18.8	4.3	7.1	9.6	13.7	12.0	11.1	22.4	19.3

NOTE: Estimates were tabulated using restricted-use files. Response rates for this survey do not meet NCES standards.

SOURCE: University of Michigan, Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research, Monitoring the Future Study.

Table S26-1 Standard errors for table 26-1

Year	Had something stolen		Property deliberately damaged		Injured with a weapon		Threatened with a weapon		Injured without a weapon		Threatened without a weapon	
	White	Black	White	Black	White	Black	White	Black	White	Black	White	Black
1976	1.2	3.3	1.1	3.3	0.6	2.2	0.8	2.6	0.9	2.6	1.0	2.9
1977	1.2	2.9	1.1	2.5	0.6	1.9	0.8	2.5	0.8	1.9	1.0	2.5
1978	1.1	2.9	1.1	2.5	0.4	1.4	0.7	2.2	0.7	2.2	0.9	2.4
1979	1.2	3.3	1.0	2.9	0.5	2.2	0.8	2.6	0.8	2.2	1.0	2.9
1980	1.2	2.9	1.2	2.5	0.5	1.9	0.8	2.5	0.8	2.2	1.0	2.5
1981	1.2	2.6	1.1	2.6	0.5	2.0	0.9	2.3	0.9	2.3	0.9	2.4
1982	1.1	2.9	1.1	3.1	0.5	1.4	0.9	2.2	0.9	1.9	0.9	2.5
1983	1.2	2.9	1.1	2.9	0.6	1.4	0.8	2.2	0.9	2.2	0.9	2.5
1984	1.2	2.9	1.0	2.9	0.5	1.4	0.8	2.2	0.8	2.2	1.0	2.5
1985	1.2	2.9	1.2	2.9	0.6	1.9	0.8	2.5	0.9	2.5	1.0	2.9
1986	1.3	3.3	1.2	2.9	0.6	1.6	0.9	2.6	0.9	2.6	1.1	2.9
1987	1.3	3.3	1.2	3.1	0.6	1.6	0.9	2.7	0.9	2.6	1.1	2.9
1988	1.3	3.1	1.2	2.9	0.6	1.9	0.9	2.5	0.9	2.2	1.0	2.9
1989	1.3	3.6	1.3	3.3	0.6	2.2	0.8	2.9	1.0	2.9	1.1	2.9
1990	1.4	3.6	1.3	3.3	0.6	2.2	0.8	2.9	1.0	2.2	1.1	2.9
1991	1.4	3.6	1.3	2.9	0.6	2.2	1.0	2.9	1.0	2.6	1.3	3.3
1992	1.4	3.6	1.4	3.3	0.7	1.6	0.9	2.9	1.1	2.6	1.4	2.9
1993	1.6	3.6	1.4	3.3	0.7	1.6	1.1	2.9	0.9	2.2	1.3	2.9
1994	1.5	4.4	1.4	3.6	0.6	2.4	1.1	3.4	1.0	2.8	1.4	3.6
1995	1.5	4.1	1.4	3.7	0.6	2.4	1.0	3.3	1.0	2.4	1.4	3.5
1996	1.6	4.1	1.4	3.7	0.6	2.5	1.1	3.1	1.0	3.0	1.3	3.4
1997	1.6	3.6	1.4	3.2	0.7	1.9	1.0	2.5	1.1	2.3	1.4	2.9

NOTE: The methodology for computing standard errors for 1994–97 differs from that of previous years.

SOURCE: University of Michigan, Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research, Monitoring the Future Study.

**Table 26-2** Percentage of high school seniors who reported being victimized at school during the previous 12 months, by type of victimization and population density: 1994–97

Year	Had something stolen	Property deliberately damaged	Injured with a weapon	Threatened with a weapon	Injured without a weapon	Threatened without a weapon
<b>Large metropolitan statistical area</b>						
1994	42.7	25.8	4.3	15.2	13.1	23.1
1995	40.0	23.1	4.1	12.7	11.2	22.0
1996	35.8	27.3	5.9	14.4	12.3	20.5
1997	38.9	24.9	4.3	10.6	11.8	21.0
<b>Other metropolitan statistical area</b>						
1994	36.8	27.1	5.5	14.6	11.2	24.3
1995	39.8	29.0	5.3	13.9	12.4	24.0
1996	40.7	25.8	4.1	12.5	12.4	21.6
1997	37.3	24.2	5.3	12.0	11.3	21.7
<b>Nonmetropolitan statistical area</b>						
1994	41.2	28.7	3.9	15.6	11.1	23.4
1995	41.4	28.9	4.9	12.7	10.7	24.3
1996	36.0	25.2	5.4	13.5	10.4	22.4
1997	41.7	25.5	5.8	8.9	14.2	20.6

NOTE: Estimates were tabulated using restricted-use files. Response rates for this survey do not meet NCES standards.

SOURCE: University of Michigan, Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research, Monitoring the Future Study.

**Table S26-2 Standard errors for table 26-2**

Year	Had something stolen	Property deliberately damaged	Injured with a weapon	Threatened with a weapon	Injured without a weapon	Threatened without a weapon
<b>Large metropolitan statistical area</b>						
1994	2.1	1.9	0.9	1.5	1.5	1.8
1995	2.2	1.9	0.9	1.5	1.4	1.9
1996	2.7	2.5	1.3	2.0	1.8	2.3
1997	2.1	1.9	0.9	1.3	1.4	1.8
<b>Other metropolitan statistical area</b>						
1994	1.9	1.7	0.9	1.4	1.2	1.7
1995	1.9	1.7	0.9	1.3	1.3	1.6
1996	1.8	1.6	0.7	1.2	1.2	1.5
1997	1.8	1.6	0.8	1.2	1.2	1.6
<b>Nonmetropolitan statistical area</b>						
1994	2.7	2.5	1.1	2.0	1.7	2.3
1995	2.7	2.5	1.2	1.9	1.7	2.4
1996	2.3	2.1	1.1	1.7	1.5	2.0
1997	2.6	2.3	1.2	1.5	1.8	2.1

NOTE: Standard errors for 1994-96 are revised from previously published figures.

SOURCE: University of Michigan, Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research, Monitoring the Future Study.